

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

April 7, 2015 – Approved May 12, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

Members Present: McGinnis, Ridley, Fisher

Members Absent: Balazovic, Waldron

Supervisor Ridley asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting as presented. Clerk Fisher requested a correction in the time of the dedication event. The correct time for the Veterans Pier dedication is 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the March 3, 2015 minutes with the correction. Motion carried with three ayes.

Trustee McGinnis moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments received.

Committee Reports

DDA – Still waiting to hear from MEDC on when they will attend a DDA meeting on Place Making and Streetscapes. A decision will be made in April on the TAP Grant with the formal announcement to be in July. **Planning Commission:** Nothing to report, the next meeting will be April 23, 2015. **Parks Commission:** Getting the ball fields ready, spring clean-up. **Veterans Pier** – The dedication event will be Saturday, May 23, 2015, 1:00 p.m. at DeVoe Beach. All areas of expenditures are still within budget. The paver brick program is going well and the next meeting will be April 16, 2015, 12:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. **Marina Park** – Marina Park has signed a contract with Elmer's for the Trailhead Project and once the road restrictions are lifted construction will begin on both the Trailhead and the pavilion. A site plan will be reviewed by the Cheboygan County Planning Commission on April 15, 2015. Sallie Snyder requested approval for the bid from Modoc Log Furniture for eight 7' picnic tables at \$315.00 each. The total bid is for \$2,520 and will be paid out of the Park and Recreation Millage Budget.

Motion Trustee McGinnis and seconded by Supervisor Ridley to approve Modoc Log Furniture's bid for \$2,520 for eight 7' picnic tables to be paid out of the Park and Recreation Millage Budget. Motion carried with three ayes.

Police Report: Our radios have been returned from Lansing and will be installed this week. Snowmobile patrol is over for this year and will be submitting to the DNR for reimbursement. The snowmobile patrol stats: 77 snowmobile patrol hours, 3,526 contacts, 24 citations, 2 accidents and 110 warnings. We have received a grant from the Homeland Security that was awarded to the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department and disbursed to the local police departments. The grant will be used for evidence tech equipment and an infrared spotlight for a patrol car.

Airport Manager's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,290,261.82 without interest and the tax accounts have \$10,251.04 without interest.

FOIA report: Clerk Fisher reported that there were no FOIA requests in March.

Correspondence: A letter from Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op.

Brian Burns addressed the Board on the recent denial of the right to provide natural gas to un-served areas in Tuscarora Township and nine other townships in the area. Township voters approved PIE&G to have a franchise in Tuscarora Township at the last General Election.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the 2015 fee schedule as presented. There is a new administrative fee added for any cemetery open and closings, a duplicate tax bill fee and a returned check fee added as well. Motion carried with three ayes.

Trustee McGinnis presented a proposal and contract for a website design offered from CivicPlus with the cost of \$9,949 waived for Tuscarora Township. Additionally, the first year of Annual Service is waived. Years 2-3 will be at \$750.00 a year and would then be subject to an annual 5% increase year 4 and beyond. McGinnis and Clerk Fisher spoke to several different municipalities that are currently being serviced by CivicPlus. General Council reviewed the contract and has no objections.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Supervisor Ridley to approve the no cost contract with CivicPlus for the website design and \$750.00 for annual services beginning in year two. Motion carried with three ayes.

Trustee McGinnis has been working on designing a logo for the website; we will look into the logo that was developed for the Indian River Area through MEDC and adapt it to Tuscarora Township.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to change the date for the Regular May meeting to May 12, 2015 to accommodate the Special Election. Motion carried with three ayes.

Motion by Trustee McGinnis and seconded by Supervisor Ridley to approve the revised private hangar lease as presented. General Council reviewed a draft of the lease and made one recommendation: to add the condemnation clause back into the lease. This has been done. Motion carried with three ayes.

Motion by Supervisor Ridley and seconded by Clerk Fisher that in accordance with Public Act 118 of 2013 to request MDOT to authorize Tuscarora Township to adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of ORV's on a highway within Tuscarora Township for the stretch of road from Vivios to Kens and on M-68 from Learning Lane to Eagles Nest Road. Motion carried with three ayes.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve two budget adjustments: \$100 from 101-890-977-00 Contingencies to 101-247-702-00 Board of Review Salaries and \$1,200 from 101-400-801-00 Planning Commission Professional to 101-191-702-00 Poll Workers Per Diem. Motion carried with three ayes.

Public comments: No public comments received.

Motion by Trustee McGinnis and seconded by Supervisor Ridley to pay the bills. Motion carried with three ayes.

Supervisor Ridley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor